

## Rainbow Dress - by Emily Keenan



Simple crocheted dress in US terms.

Rainbow dress.

Age 2-3 (3-5, 6-8).

I used drops paris cotton (aran) and a 4.5mm hook.

Stitches needed (US terms):

fsc - foundation single crochet (youtube has some fab tutorials. well worth learning!) you mustn't substitute with chaining plus a row of sc because it won't stretch over the child's head.

dc - double crochet

ch - chain

ss - slipstitch

Yarn colours specified in this pattern are for the age 3-5 dress pictured (red at the top). The age 6-8 dress was made with colours reversed. The age 2-3 dress was made by doing half the required number of rows in the bright colours and the remaining rows in white (except for on the last colour where the white wasn't used, so only half the rows purple rows were completed).

Using red yarn:

Red Row 1 - 74 (78, 78) fsc. join to first fsc with a ss. (ensure it fits over child's head)

Red Row 2 - ch3 (always counts as dc), dc into next 9 (9,9)st, dc-ch2-dc in next st, dc into next 17(18,18)st, dc-ch2-dc, dc into next 18(19,19) st, dc-ch2-dc, dc into next 17(18,18) st, dc-ch2-dc, dc into next 8(9,9) st. ss to top of ch3.

Red Row 3 - ch3, dc into each st, dc-ch2-dc in each ch2 sp

Repeat Row 3: 4(4,7) more times  
fasten off

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Join orange yarn in centre of back of dress

Orange Row 1 - working in BLO for the entire row. ch3 to start, then dc in each stitch until 2 stitches before the first ch2 sp. In the stitch before the ch2 sp: yarn over and insert hook into the st and *also* through the stitch *after* the 2nd ch2 sp, then finish your dc stitch... this creates a sleeve opening. dc in each dc until 2 st before the 3rd ch2 sp, and work another dc through both the st before the 3rd ch2 sp and the st after the 4th ch2 sp to create the 2nd sleeve opening. dc to the end.

Orange Row 2 - ch3 to start, 1 dc in same st as ch3, then 2 dc in each stitch around.

Orange Row 3 - ch3 to start, then 1 dc in each stitch.

Repeat Row 3: 3(3,5) more times

fasten off

Join yellow yarn in centre of back of dress.

Yellow Row 1 - work in BLO. ch3 to start, then 1 dc in each st.

Yellow Row 2 - ch3 to start, then 1 dc in each st.

Repeat Row 2: 4(4,6) more times.  
fasten off.

Repeat 'Yellow' Rows for green, blue & purple yarn. Or change colour patterns as desired.